

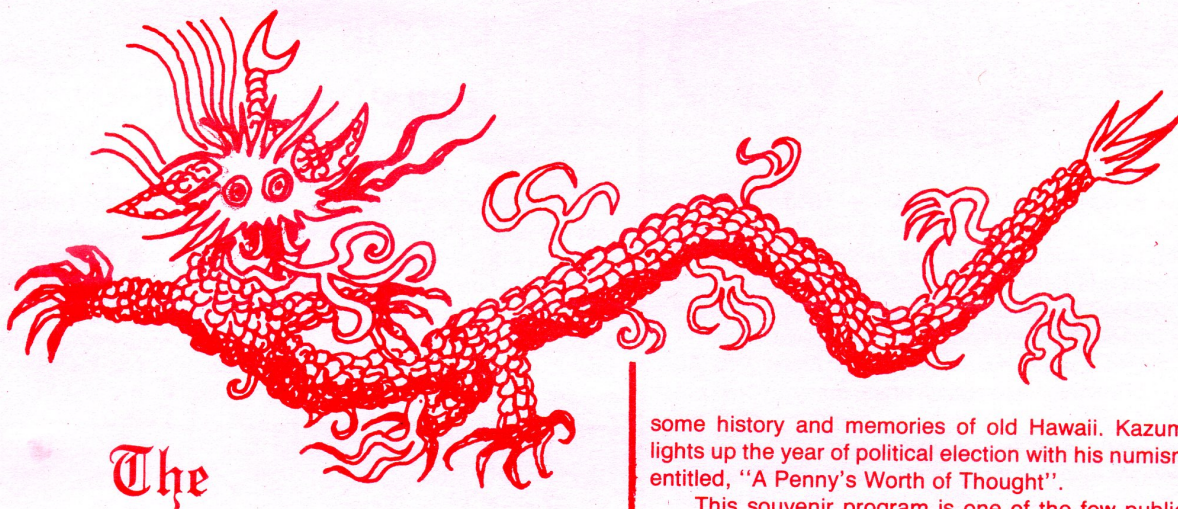


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The Dragon and HSNA

Nineteen eighty-eight was an exciting year with the Olympics in Seoul, Korea, the presidential election and the successful space mission of the Discovery since the Challenger's tragedy.

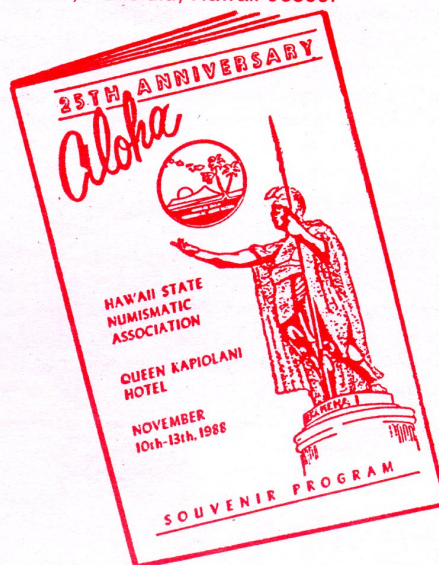
According to the Oriental Fortune Calendar, 1988 is known as the Year of the Dragon. Dragon people are born during the years of 1904, 1916, 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, and 1988, every 12 years instead of 12 months as is our horoscope and zodiac system. Each year has its own animal symbol, whose meaning and influence stretch far back into the history of ancient India and China. The symbols are the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, cock, dog and the boar.

The dragon people are healthy and energetic, but at the same time, very short tempered and stubborn. They don't like to borrow money or make flowery speeches. Yet they are sincere in what they say, and their opinions are valid.

It is also an exciting year for the Hawaii State Numismatic Association as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our coin show with a dragon dance ceremony as our opening of the HSNA show. There will be special numbered silvered medals sold and a special 52-page souvenir program. There are many interesting articles like "Monies of the Kingdom of Hawaii" by Don Medcalf; "Hawaii's Coat of Arms" by Irving Kam; and "The Coins That Never Were" by Gary Lau, which bring back

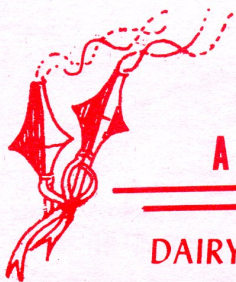
some history and memories of old Hawaii. Kazuma Oyama lights up the year of political election with his numismatic story entitled, "A Penny's Worth of Thought".

This souvenir program is one of the few publications on Hawaiian numismatics. The program can be ordered by mail for \$2.50 postpaid from the Hawaii State Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 477, Honolulu, Hawaii 96809.



Honolulu Coin Club

The Honolulu Coin Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Susannah Wesley Community Center at 1117 Kaili Street, 7:30 p.m. Gregory Hunt, president.



A TOUCH OF HAWAIIANA

DAIRY TOKENS IN HAWAII

BY GARY LAU



Dairies in Hawaii date back as far as 1850. The first commercial producing dairy on record was the Puunui Dairy which was located on Judd Street and established in 1869.

Milk was sold and delivered in those days for six cents a quart. From 1911-1954, when milk was marketed in glass bottles, some 600 dairies were known to exist. Fewer than 1/3 of those enterprises' bottles have been found. Along with the milk bottles, collectors have uncovered many more old treasures. Paper milk covers have hit an enormous peak for collecting, and prices of some rare covers are unbelievable.

Coin collectors also value the numerous milk tokens that were issued by dairies and milk delivery services. The tokens were issued as an incentive to return to the various businesses in the future. Tokens were issued for milk and cream, while the schools used them as good for either a 1/2 pint or pint of milk to children. A few of the dairies that gave out tokens were: Ahuimanu Stock Farm, Crozier Dairy, Dairyman's, Hind Clark and Moanalua, as well as plantation dairies such as Ewa Plantation, Hakalau Plantation and Waialua Agriculture Dairy. There were also some tokens distributed by some delivery services. It is thought that they were given to long-time customers to prevent other deliverymen from taking business away. Harada Delivery Service, Okada's Delivery and Norman Milk Delivery were a few of the known services in Honolulu. These various tokens, like all others, are become harder and harder to find.

It makes you wonder what 25-50 years from now will be considered a collector's item? A paper milk carton? Aluminum soda cans? Somewhere, someone knows and they will have an edge on all future collectors. To the rest . . . Good Luck!

Pardon Da Error!



Oops! Sorry, we made a mistake on the newsletter numbering system — we numbered No. 24 instead of No. 23. This newsletter will be issued as No. 23 and we'll begin No. 25 in our next issue. This is the last issue for this year. No. 25 will be issued at our Mini Show in May, 1989.



Legend of the Hawaiian Penny

By Don Medcalf

A common myth regarding the 1847 Hawaiian penny is that the native Hawaiian people disliked the coins and were in the habit of casting them into the sea. This is extremely unlikely, as one cent represented a goodly sum of money at the time. What might have started this fallacy is the fact that about a fifth of all the 1847 cents we see today are corroded, causing people to speculate that they were found in burial caves — a substantiated fact — or buried in the ground.



Hawaiian Green Turtle Third Wooden Series

Honu, the Hawaiian green turtle, is the Hawaii State Numismatic Association's third token in the Hawaiian Endangered Wildlife series. A marine turtle, native of the Hawaiian Islands, the green turtle is primarily a vegetarian that feeds on plants along the shoreline reefs. The female green turtles lay their eggs between May and August on the islands of the French Frigate Shoals in the Hawaiian chain.

The reverse is illustrated with a Maile shrub or vine, a native Hawaiian plant. It grows in our cool, tropical forests and has shiny, smooth leaves, blossoms of small yellowish flowers. A lei plant, the Maile was worn by chiefs and commoners alike, and leis were made by twining several stems together, without closing into a wreath and left open. Today, the Maile lei is always given to someone who is very special.

To order the tokens, send 25¢ per token, plus a self-addressed stamped envelope, to the Honolulu Coin Club, P.O. Box 6063, Honolulu, HI 96818.



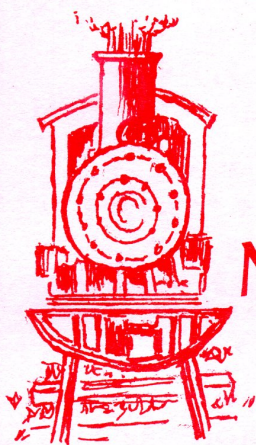
Juniors in session



Wheeling and Dealing

Photos from the Honolulu Coin Club Meeting

Photos by Mary Abing



Railways and Numismatics

BY KAZUMA OYAMA

If you visit the Lyman Museum in Hilo and tour the adjacent missionary home you will see an old toy train in one of the rooms. Playing with and collecting trains is one of the older pastimes. Almost every country in the world has issued postage stamps depicting trains, including countries that don't have railroads of their own. Decorative collective plates have been issued showing trains as have matchbook covers. There are innumerable picture postcards with scenes of trains or views as seen from a train. Songs have been written about railroads — "I've Been Working on the Railroad," "Casey Jones" and "The Wabash Cannonball" — to name a few. There was an LP record called "Hawaiian Railroads" featuring ten songs related to Hawaii's Railroad. Movies were made about railroads. A classic was "Murder on the Orient Express." Also, there was "Ryan's Express," starring Frank Sinatra; and "Bridge over the River Kwai," both World War Two epics. Less known was "The Great Train Chase" which was based on a true incident of the Civil War.

In the numismatic field there were many medals, wooden tokens, elongateds and paper money depicting trains. The U.S. government featured locomotives on the \$50 National Bank note, series 1902; and the \$20 Federal Reserve Bank note, series 1915. Here in Hawaii trains were part of the vignettes on the certificate of deposit notes of both the Kingdom of Hawaii and the Republic of Hawaii as illustrated in the *Hawaiian Money Standard Catalog* published in 1978 by Don Medcalf and Ronald Russell. Trains were featured twice in the Hawaii State

Numismatic Association series of medals. The first time was in 1971, on the reverse of the medal honoring King Kalakaua. It showed a sugar plantation train. The second time was in 1979, with a medal honoring Queen Kapiolani and commemorating the centennial of railways in Hawaii. The HSNA wooden token for 1979 also commemorated the centennial of Hawaii's railways.

The first railroad in Hawaii was the Kahului and Wailuku Railroad built on the island of Maui. It was built by merchant Thomas H. Hobron and his two sons-in-law, William O. Smith and William H. Bailey. It was later incorporated and named the Kahului Railroad Co. in 1881. Other Hawaii wooden tokens related to railways were the Lahaina-Kaanapali and Pacific Railroad (Maui) souvenir item and the Hawaiian Railway Society issue of 1979, for the centennial of railways in Hawaii.

Other numismatic related railway items were trade and fare tokens issued by the railway companies. Among the trade tokens were those issued by Thomas H. Hobron (THH) to employees of the Kahului and Wailuku Railroad that were redeemable for goods at the T.H. Hobron store in Kahului; and the early (1891) Kahului Railroad tokens. Among the fare tokens were the Kahului Railroad issues that were used during 1935-1950, and the Honolulu Rapid Transit (HRT) tokens used during 1922-1948. (Note: the "hula girl" tokens were never used.)



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